

# IDAHO HERITAGE CITY PROGRAM

**Sponsored by the  
Association  
of Idaho Cities  
and the Idaho State  
Historical Society**



*Walking tour of the Fort Sherman Addition, Coeur d'Alene*

## Purpose

To encourage preservation and interpretation of the cultural heritage of the cities of Idaho through a program recognizing efforts undertaken by municipalities to protect and make available information on buildings, artifacts, records, written material, photos, and oral reminiscences that contribute to the educational offerings, pride, and history of a community.

## Recognition

Designation of a municipality as an Idaho Heritage City is approved through a joint review of applications and qualification criteria by representatives of the Association of Idaho Cities and the Idaho State Historical Society. Awards are presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Idaho Cities.



*Walking tour of historic Pocatello*

Continuation of Idaho Heritage City status and use of signage requires a review of the status of the qualification criteria every three years.

Cities granted Idaho Heritage City status receive a plaque for display in their City Hall or another appropriately designated location, and two metal signs for display near city limits entry signs or at other appropriate locations, thus giving visible recognition to the general and traveling public that the municipality is an Idaho Heritage City.

## Qualifications

Selection for Idaho Heritage City status is based on completion of an application process that documents existence of a number of designated criteria identified as appropriate to encourage preservation and interpretation of a community's history.

To be considered for the award, a municipality must evaluate its situation in regard to a list of 14 designated criteria. A city must fulfill at least seven (7) of the criteria to qualify for Idaho Heritage City status.

Applications must be submitted to the Association of Idaho Cities by April 15 of the year in which consideration is to take place.

# Designated criteria, information and resources

## **1. The city has implemented a historic preservation ordinance or included historic preservation goals in the special areas or sites sections of its comprehensive plan.**

A draft ordinance is available from the State Historic Preservation Office of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 210 Main Street, Boise 83702 or by calling 208/334-3861). Sample sections of comprehensive plans on historic resources preservation adopted by other municipalities are available from the Association of Idaho Cities (at 3100 South Vista Avenue, Suite 310, Boise 83705 or by calling 208/344-8594).

## **2. The city has an organization in place that encourages and/or monitors historic preservation activities in the community (i.e., by attaining Certified Local Government status, creating a local historical society, or appointing a historic preservation commission).**

Information on creation of history-related organizations such as those listed is available from the Idaho State Historical Society (at 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712 or by calling 208/334-2682).

## **3. The city has a policy in place for handling and preserving archival, historic, government, and other public records that complies with guidelines of the State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB).**

Such guidelines and training programs are available at the Idaho State Historical Society website ([www.idahohistory.net](http://www.idahohistory.net)) or through the office of the State Archivist (at 2205 East Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712 or by calling 208/334-2620).



*Soda Springs  
Historic  
Preservation  
Commission*



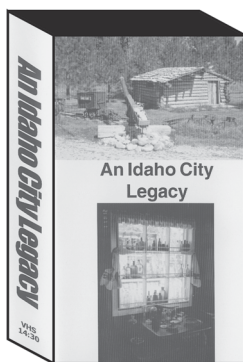
*Performance at 2001  
Idaho History Day  
Competition*

**4. The city has a school located in the community from which students participate in the Idaho History Day competition, study local history in its curriculum and/or participate in tours of downtown or neighborhood sites of historic significance.**

Idaho History Day information is available from the Idaho State Historical Museum Division of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 610 North Julia Davis Drive, Boise 83702 or by calling 208/334-2120). Local school officials can provide information on curriculum and existing local history programs.

**5. An organization is functioning in the city that has implemented an oral history program that records and transcribes into written form interviews with long-time residents or individuals involved in events or activities of a historic nature.**

Information on creation of an oral history program is available from the oral history coordinator at the Public Archives and Research Library of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712 or by calling 208/334-3863).



*Video of historic Idaho  
City*

**6. A recent documentation of the history of the city has been completed in print, audio, photographic or film/video form or is otherwise being made available to the general public.**

In addition to utilizing local resources, information on your community may be available in written and photographic records at the Public Archives and Research Library of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712 or by calling 208/334-3356).

**7. A historical program is in place in the city that features interpretive signage, walking tours, and publications that promote the community's cultural heritage and historic properties.**

Information on existing such programs and assistance with creation of local interpretive offerings is available from the State Historic Preservation Office of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 210 Main Street, Boise 83702 or by calling 208/334-3861).

**8. The city has a city, county, or nonprofit historical museum or heritage tourism facility operating during regularly scheduled hours within the city limits.**

Training assistance programs for enhancement of museum operations and promotion are available through the Idaho Museums Association (c/o the Idaho State Historical Museum at 610 North Julia Davis Drive, Boise 83702 or by calling 208/334-2120). Information on heritage tourism is available from the State Historic Preservation Office of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 210 Main Street, Boise 83702 or by calling 208/334-3861) and from the Idaho Department of Commerce (at 700 West State Street, Boise 83720 or by calling 208/334-2470).

**9. The city has two or more sites within the city limits listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or a program in place to survey and document buildings and other properties of historical significance that might qualify for inclusion on the Register.**

Information on the National Register of Historic Places or assessing the significance of historic properties is available at the State Historic Preservation Office of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 210 Main Street, Boise 83702 or by calling 208/334-3861).



*Interpretive signage  
on Warm Springs  
Avenue in Boise*



**10. The city has one or more sites within the city limits receiving recognition as being significant with installation of a historic roadside marker by the Idaho Transportation Department.**

Location of historic roadside markers installed by the Idaho Transportation Department and information on their installation is available from the public affairs officer at ITD (at 3311 West State Street, Boise 83707 or by calling 208/334-8817).

**11. An organization functioning in the city has implemented a program to gather, identify, and preserve photos of buildings, properties, individuals, landscapes, events, activities, and other elements of a historic nature from the community's past.**



*2001 Preservation Week event for children, Latah County*

Information on preservation of historic photos is available from the photo archivist at the Public Archives and Research Library of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712 or by calling 208/514-2314).

**12. The city celebrates an event or commemorative activity on an annual basis to recognize an aspect of the community's cultural heritage.**

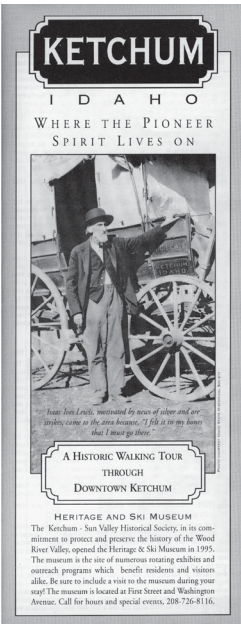
Assistance with community development and the promotion of local events is often available through programs supported by the Idaho Department of Commerce (at 700 West State Street, Boise 83720 or by calling 208/334-2470).

**13. The city has implemented a program to verify and make available cemetery records to the public in written or electronic form for use in historic and genealogy research.**

Information on use of cemetery records for historic and genealogy research is available through the Public Archives and Research Library of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712 or by calling 208/334-3357).

**14. The city has implemented other programs or projects that encourage preservation and interpretation of its cultural heritage that do not fit previously listed considerations but that in the opinion of the applicant might otherwise qualify as a criterion for recognition.**

Information on the evaluation of programs and projects related to the Idaho Heritage City Program is available through the Administrative Office of the Idaho State Historical Society (at 2205 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise 83712).



*Walking tour  
brochure of historic  
Ketchum*

*Barn Again! lecture in Moscow, May 1990*

